

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. M.34-4

Magi No. 1608405604

DOE   yes   no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic McKnew House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street &amp; number end of McKnew Rd., south fo Rt. 198

   not for publication

city, town Burtonsville

   vicinity of

congressional district

5th

state Maryland

county Montgomery

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>  </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture
<u>  </u> building(s)	<u>  </u> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>  </u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial
	<u>  </u> not applicable	<u>  </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<u>  </u> military
			<u>  </u> museum
			<u>  </u> park
			<u>  </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<u>  </u> religious
			<u>  </u> scientific
			<u>  </u> transportation
			<u>  </u> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Benjamin P. Mcknew, Jr.

street &amp; number 2023 Burnwood Rd.

telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore

state and zip code Maryland

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse

liber 2854

street &amp; number

folio 272

city, town Rockville

state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976

   federal    ☒ state    ☒ county    local

depository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville

state Maryland

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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## CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates circa. 1860

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The McKnew farmhouse is significant as an example of rural vernacular architecture typical of that constructed in Montgomery County from the mid-nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries. The early part of the house, constructed of logs, was built by Joseph Inglehart about 1860.<sup>1</sup> Joseph built his house on approximately 126 acres of a tract of land referred to as "Snowden's New Birmingham Manor" which he purchased through two separate deeds. He first purchased 96 acres and 63 perches from Issac Burton, Jr. and his wife, Sarah, for \$625.<sup>2</sup> He next purchased 28 3/4 acres from Elias Ellicot in August of 1849 for \$86.25.<sup>3</sup> Inglehart died in 1866 leaving his farm to his wife, Mary, to be passed on to their children, William, Emily, Mary, Sarah, James and Ann, after her death.<sup>4</sup> The family continued to live on the farm for many more years. Then, in September of 1883, Mary died and because the property was not susceptible to division, it was sold by a court appointed trustee. The property was then described as 125 acres and 23 perches of land which James Inglehart and others then resided, located on the road from Sandy Spring To Laurel, 1 1/4 miles from Burtonsville. The farm was improved by a two story weatherboarded log house of seven rooms, a barn, stable, dairy and other outbuildings.<sup>5</sup>

The farm was purchased in July of 1884 by Robert Aitcheson, acting as an agent for his brother, William P. Aitcheson, for \$1376.80. In March 1886, Robert, who owned the farm across the road, conveyed the Inglehart farm to William.<sup>6</sup> William, who never married, owned the farm until January of 1907 when he sold it to Benjamin P. McKnew, the husband of his sister, Dena, for \$1,500.<sup>7</sup> Benjamin P. McKnew and Dena lived on the farm with their four children until their deaths in the early 1960's. The house remains in the family today as the property of Benjamin McKnew, Jr.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup>The date given is based on the date that the land was purchased, tax assessment records, its appearance on the 1865 map (and it is stated in the Old Building Survey of the Burtonsville Area that Inglehart built the house)

<sup>2</sup>Deed STS 4/366, Mont. co. Land Records.

<sup>3</sup>Deed STS 4/363, " "

<sup>4</sup>Will JWS 1/188, Mont. Co. Register of Wills.

<sup>5</sup>Equity #530, EBP 15/95, Mont. Co. Judgement Records.

<sup>6</sup>Deed JA 1/467, Mont. Co. Land Records.

<sup>7</sup>Deed 192/187, " "

<sup>8</sup>M.C. Hist. Soc. Genealogy Files.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Mont. Co. Land Records.  
Mont. Co. Judgement Records.  
Mont. Co. Register of Wills

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 29.7 acres

Quadrangle name

Quadrangle scale

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawford

organization Mont. co. Historic Preservation Comm.

date 1/83

street &amp; number

telephone

city or town Rockville

state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
Shaw House  
21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

McKnew House

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

end of McKnew Rd., south of Rte. 198

CITY, TOWN

Burtonsville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

- ☐ DISTRICT
- ☒ BUILDING(S)
- ☐ STRUCTURE
- ☐ SITE
- ☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

- ☐ PUBLIC
- ☒ PRIVATE
- ☐ BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- ☐ IN PROCESS
- ☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

- ☒ OCCUPIED
- ☐ UNOCCUPIED
- ☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- ☐ YES: RESTRICTED
- ☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED
- ☒ NO

#### PRESENT USE

- ☐ AGRICULTURE
- ☐ COMMERICAL
- ☐ EDUCATIONAL
- ☐ ENTERTAINMENT
- ☐ GOVERNMENT
- ☐ INDUSTRIAL
- ☐ MILITARY
- ☐ MUSEUM
- ☐ PARK
- ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ☐ RELIGIOUS
- ☐ SCIENTIFIC
- ☐ TRANSPORTATION
- ☐ OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

McKnew Family

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

McKnew Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Burtonsville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> REHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Not examined at the time of the survey, but photos at the Md. Historical Trust and Annapolis indicate part of this building is a small log cabin. The McKnew family has owned it in recent years.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Photos at Md. Historical Trust-Annapolis.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

00000 350

of which

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

3/27/73

STREET &amp; NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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Composed of two log buildings

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JSE May 1972

The Knew Log House #



kitchen wing & ~~exterior~~ chimney.

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The Knew Log House

See May 72